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ACB sleuths raid MUDA Junior Engineer

Operation unearths documents of a three-floor house at Belavatha, one petrol pump at Maartalli in Chamarajanagar

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (RK&BCT)- In a pre-dawn swoop today, sleuths from the Anti Corruption Bureau raided the house of a Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Junior Engineer at Belavatha and recovered properties that are disproportionate to his known sources of income. Along with the raid on his house, the officer's sister's place in Hunsur was also raided.

The raid that took place at 5.30 am was a part of a State-wide operation launched by the ACB this morning at 17 places, targeting five government officers.

The officer whose house was raided in Mysuru is K. Mani who is a Junior Engineer at MUDA (5-A Zone).

The corruption case against Mani (Crime Number 8/18) was registered six months ago in Chamarajanagar where he served as an engineer in Public Works Department. He was transferred to MUDA six months back. The FIR was filed in Chamarajanagar.

ACB sources said that along with Mani's three-floor house built on a 30X50 plot at Belavatha near the Ring Road, one more team headed to Hunsur to simultaneously raid the house

The house of MUDA Junior Engineer K. Mani at Belavatha village. *[Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]*

owned by Amrutha, Mani's wife Vasantha's sister and her husband Nataraj at Kalkunike near Hunsur. Nataraj owns Sapthagiri Floor Mill and a coconut oil extraction unit at Kalkunike.

The ACB sources said that Mani's wife owned a petrol pump at Maartalli village in Chamarajanagar district.

It may be mentioned here that the recent incident where the prasadam of Kichuguth Sulwadi Maramma Temple was poisoned and where 17 persons lost their lives is located at Maartalli village.

Several people had petitioned to the ACB against Mani when he was the PWD engineer in Chamarajanagar. The raids continued when we went to the Press. Sources said that after the raids on his houses, ACB sleuths are likely to visit MUDA office, searching for documents.

The raid was supervised by ACB Superintendent of Police Dr. H.T. Shekar. While Dy.SP J. Mohan and team raided Mani's house, Dy.SP Poornachandra Tejaswi led the raids in Hunsur. Inspector Suresh Kumar, G.N. Srikanth and staff Mallikarjun, Aradhya, Mahadevaswamy, Satish, Nagalakshmi, Krishnakumar, Venkatesh and Kumar participated in the raids.

Para motoring cancelled after crash-landing

Flying machine loses balance as people block landing path

Mysuru, Dec.28 (MTY& BCT)- Para motoring, the Winter Festival's most popular event has been cancelled, disappointing hundreds of tourists. Reason: The damage caused to the flying machine due to some negligent persons who blocked the smooth landing of the paramotor that led to an accident.

The event was organised by District Administration and Department of Tourism as part of promotion of adventure sports. Permission was granted to Bangalore Aviation and Sports Enterprise to conduct the event after taking all necessary permissions from aviation department.

The Administration laid special stress on the event as it had received huge response from adventure buffs in this year's Dasara celebrations. Para motoring was inaugurated on Dec. 22 at Maharaja's College Grounds and it was to end on Jan. 1.

Now due to the incident, the event has been cancelled and tourists are forced to return from the Grounds since the last two days.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Kumar from Bangalore Aviation and Sports Enterprise said that on Wednesday (Dec. 26) while on a practice flying session, the pilot of the para motor was attempting to land the machine. "During the landing, the pilot saw a group of people (ground staff) standing on the landing path, blocking its way. To avoid the people, the pilot steered the machine to one side and in the process, the para motor lost balance and crash-landed, damaging its motor and fan," he said.

(See PARA MOTORING on page 8)

2-day Bird Festival begins at City Zoo

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (MTY&SR)- Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar called upon people, especially youth to develop interest in bird-watching.

He was speaking after inaugurating a two-day Bird Festival organised jointly by District Administration, Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo), Department of Tourism and other Organisations as part of Winter Festival-2018 at Mysuru Zoo auditorium in city this morning.

He said that the bird festival was the first-of-its-kind in city and was aimed at spreading awareness among people about protection of nature, water bodies, flora and fauna, conservation of forest as part of nature-friendly initiatives of the government.

Protection of native birds and sheltering of migratory birds are a must for environmental balance, he pointed out.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the large turnout of bird-watchers from across the State for the Bird Festival within a short notice.

Elated by the overwhelming response for Bird Festival and Winter Festival, the DC promised to conduct such events in large scale from the next year. The organisers were forced to limit the participation to only 100 persons despite huge number of enquiries for the event, the DC said.

(See BIRD on page 9)

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Burdensome Pay and Pension

The treatise on financial matters attributed to Vishnu Gupta of 2,500 years vintage, also referred to by names Kautilya and Chanakya, one of the officials in the court of King Chandragupta Maurya, a copy of which on palm leaf discovered by a Mysuru-based researcher B.V. Shastri in the city's Oriental Research Institute more than 100 years ago, is more quoted by many speakers on different platforms and occasions than studied for throwing light on the daunting task of balancing revenue and expenses of the State. Preparing budgets for successive years by governments at levels in the range of Panchayats to the Nation's Parliament routinely appears to have given the impression that the exercise *doesn't seem* difficult, prompting Mark Twain's humorous quote: "Giving up smoking is very easy because I have done it many times."

While the citizens, required to pay taxes on myriad counts, are disinclined to pay up the rates stipulated by the authorities on a rising scale year on year, those with Finance portfolio in the governments to spend sleepless nights on mopping up the revenue needed *without* even winking at trimming the expenses. Right now, the country's Finance Minister's mind-boggling bugbear happens to be the *fiscal deficit* staring before the official in the high post.

Reducing the *government's* fiscal deficit, the yawning gap between its total revenue from all sources and budgetary provision for the business of the government, primarily to meet the cost of all its programmes and *timely* payment of the salaries of the Army staff (currently about 4.5 million) and pensions of those who have retired (currently about 5.5 million) may be pursued impassionately by the Finance Minister of the day as opposed to the case of *individual citizens*. The former is done by *borrowing* from the public sources including corporates while the latter, as familiar to all, results in *loans*.

The total spend of the Union Government on salaries of all its employees (both civil and defence) is currently estimated at 3.23 trillion rupees for 2018-19 (around 13 percent of its total expenditure of 24.42 trillion rupees). Total pensions for retired civilian staff and armed forces at 2.77 trillion rupees (about 11 percent of total expenditure and 86 percent of total salary bill) should prompt the beneficiaries to sit up and think of measures to hold the bull of the financial burden by its horns.

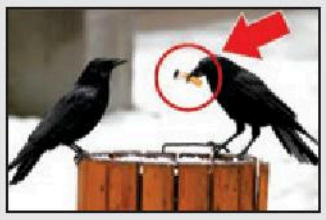
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SMART WATCH, SMART WORK: ***It appears that the Bhopal Smart City Development Corporation Ltd. (BSCDCL) is truly following the spirit of digital India. Or is it about keeping errant workers in check? Take your pick, but very soon sweepers and sanitary workers in the city would be equipped with smart watches. And wearing them will be compulsory. The GPS-enabled watches will track the location and movement of the cleaning staff, thus helping BSCDCL officers keep an eye on their attendance and output. Sources say these watches have a price tag of Rs. 10,000 each.***

— In Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

Startup to train crows to clear cigarette butts



Amsterdam: Two Dutch designers have come up with an unusual plan to train crows to pick up cigarette butts and trade them for tasty rewards.

Industrial designers Ruben van der Vleuten and Bob Spikman first thought of using robots to clean the streets of cigarette butts, but they presented a series of difficulties. So they turned their attention to one of the most abundant resources of urban areas – birds. Pigeons were the first ones they considered. But the two designers soon found a bird that was both very common around human settlements and much, much smarter – the crow.

The two designers knew that they wanted to train crows to clean cities of discarded cigarette butts, but it wasn't until they discovered the Crow Box, a project by Joshua Klein. Klein had invented a machine to autonomously train crows to pick up change from the streets and exchange it for peanuts, so if they could be trained to do that, they could definitely pick up cigarette butts as well.

Plastic surgery tourists stuck in airport

Seoul: Three Chinese women were allegedly stuck in a South Korean airport, because their passports no longer matched their faces following plastic surgery.

South Korean plastic surgery clinics are renowned, so women from China and Japan, fly to South Korea to get work done on their faces. The problem is that they completely remodel their faces, making it difficult for airport personnel to identify them.

Travelers passing through airport customs with these plastic surgery certificates are usually identified by whatever facial features were left unchanged by plastic surgeons, and while the person-to-passport verification takes a lot longer, people are usually allowed through. Unfortunately, for three Chinese women trying to return from South Korea, the certificates didn't help much.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Are there any studies that support the value of organically grown food?

Probably the most conclusive study, spanning 6 years, compared a conventional crop of garlic to an organic crop. The results: Organic garlic contained "significantly higher levels of beneficial antioxidants and flavonoids" as compared to the conventionally grown garlic.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Kautilya Vidyalaya conferred British Council Award

Mysuru, Dec. 28- City-based Kautilya Vidyalaya was recently conferred the prestigious International School Award (ISA) for the period 2018-21 by the British Council.

The award was conferred on the school for successfully completing seven multidisciplinary projects involving the study of several countries, by students from kindergarten to high school throughout the previous academic year.

Three of these were in collaboration with schools in the United States of America and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Senior Principal Dr. L. Savitha and ISA Co-ordinator Hamsa Sripathy received the award on behalf of the institution from Antonious Raghubansie, Head of Teaching Centre, India, British Council. This is the second consecutive award for the institution.

Ph.D Awardee

Mysuru, Dec. 28 - The Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, has awarded Ph.D in Civil Engineering Sciences to **B.S. Shilpa** for her thesis "Quantitative Assessment and Modelling of Indoor Air Pollutants from Different Household Fuels" submitted under the guidance of Dr. K.S. Lokesh, Registrar & Professor of Environmental Engg.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Public libraries and basic facilities

Sir,

Apropos your report on the dues owed by MCC and MUDA to the Library Department and the two letters *(SOM* dated Dec. 24 and 26) stressing the need to strengthen the public libraries, I wish to join the issue from the user point of view.

While I agree with the general view that public libraries are to be supported and appreciated for their role, it begs for basic facilities and amenities for this to happen. I wish to highlight a few of them as a user of public library nearby.

1. There is no telephone facility at each centre, for the public to enquire if a certain wanted book, CD, newspaper, periodical etc., is available. There is only one landline phone at the Central Library on Sayyaji Rao Road. When the whole world is using cell phones for a whole lot of services, why is the Library Department shy of adopting?

2. Drinking water and toilet facilities are lacking at many branches. Even when a facility exists it is not maintained for regular use.

3. Space is a big constraint. This applies to both books storage and user convenience. Ventilation is another factor. Movement of furniture and the sound it produces is irksome. Lighting is poor.

4. I have not seen a computerised catalogue of available books, back volumes, etc. Hence one cannot easily ascertain if a particular book is available or not. I hope at least a card based index with racks and alphabetical indexation, very basic to any library, is made available. In today's digital era this is clearly an outdated system.

5. Inter-branch lending of books, I am told, does not exist. This means, if I become a member of a local library branch, my access to book loan is only limited to what is available in that branch.

I have tried to list a few of the basic facilities lacking in our city libraries. These basic facilities are not lacking because of dues from MCC and MUDA being held up. It is lacking from the beginning in the planning itself. Is a landline phone at each centre for enquiries waiting for funds for all these years?

My appeal is that while the cess collected specially for libraries by MCC is unjustly held up, devolution of funds, when they become available should be judiciously done to create the basic facilities.

Last, but not the least, it should be kept in mind that all over the world, usage of libraries in conventional form is declining. Fast spreading of internet and availability of most information at just a click, makes indiscriminate expansion of libraries a waste of public money. There is no point in buying books for the sake of keeping libraries and all kinds of authors just going.

—Prof. B.S. Shankara (retd.)
Mysuru
27.12.2018

Sports meet for ZP members, staff

Mysuru, Dec.28- Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) in association with Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports will be conducting annual sports meet for the ZP members and officials at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city on Dec. 29.

The events will be held for both men and women. While women can take part in the 100 mts race, throwball, tug-of-war, musical chair and basketball, the organisers will be conducting cricket, throwball, volleyball, 100 mts race and tug-of-war for men. Interested may register with ZP Planning Section Assistant Statistical Officer K. Venkatarao before 8 am tomorrow. They may also contact K. Suresh, Assistant Director of Youth Empowerment and Sports Affairs, on Ph: 0821-2546179.

SDM-IMD Exchange Programme with Intl. Universities

Mysuru, Dec.28- Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Mysuru, has shortlisted 24 students for International Exchange Study during January - July 2019 to various leading Universities abroad, with which SDM-IMD has tie-up arrangements.

Students will be going to Mays Business School, Texas A & M University, USA (4 students), University of Bordeaux, France (4), University of Pau, France (4), National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan (4), University of EAE, Spain (4), University of Heilbronn, Germany (3) and Business Analytics Institute, France (1). Apart from this, 4 Institute Faculty taught courses in overseas Universities and 11 International Faculty are teaching at SDM-IMD.

General body meeting

Mysuru, Dec. 28- Doctors Housing Co-operative Society has arranged a special general body meeting on Dec. 30 at 10.30 am at Doctors Community Hall in Alanahalli, Mysuru, according to a press release from Society President.

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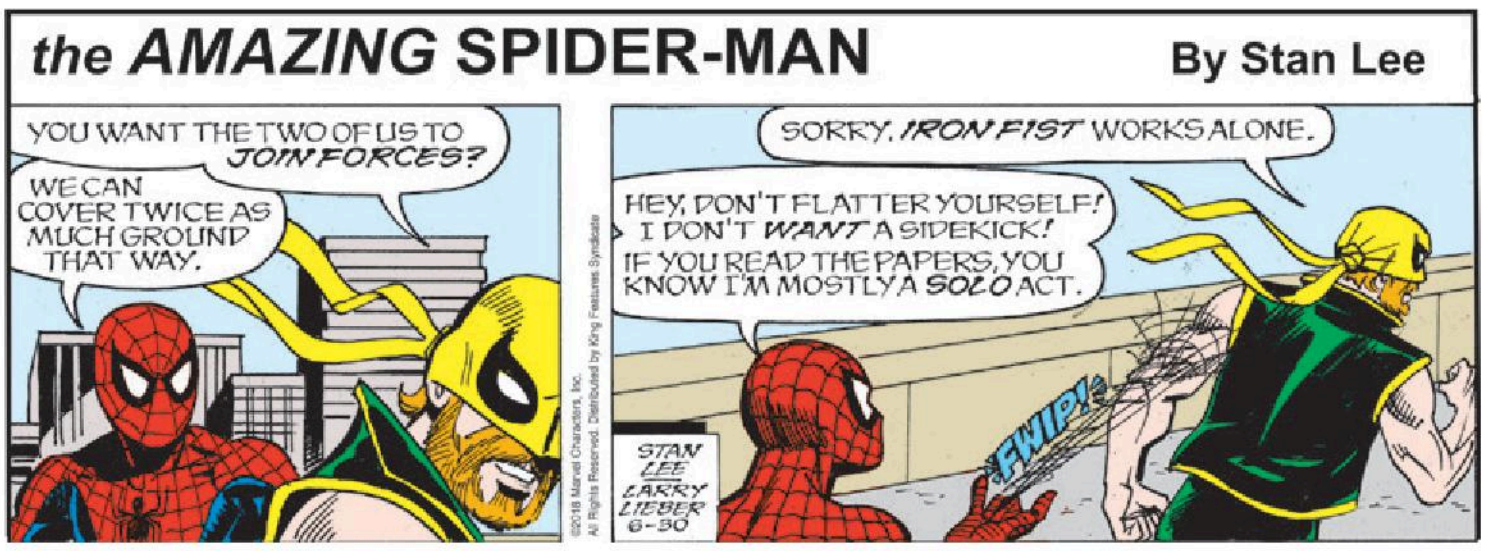
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NEWS BRIEFS

KEB Pensioners Assn. AGM

The Annual General Body (AGM) meeting of KEB Pensioners Association, having office at MPL premises, Sri Harsha Road, will take place at the KEB Employees Community Hall, Rajendranagar (Kesare colony) at 11 am tomorrow (Dec.29), according to a release.

Computer training

The Rastriya Computer Saksharatha Samithi has invited applications from PUC and Degree passed candidates for admission to various computer courses such as C, C++, Web Designing, Data Entry, Java, etc. The application forms can be collected from the Samithi office at No.1021, Panchamantra Road, Kuvempunagar. The last date for applying is Dec.31. For details, call Ph: 0821-4288811 or Mob: 99727-53331.

Calling building owners

The Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University is in need of 2 buildings on lease/rent basis for running separate hostels for male and female students. The interested owners, who own buildings which can accommodate nearly 40 students, can contact the University office located on JLB Road, Lakshmipuram. For details call 0821-2402141/2402114.

Kabaddi Tournament: Entries invited

A District-level High School Boys Kabaddi Tournament will be conducted at the ground opposite to Sougandhika Park, Vasavi Vidyaniketan School in Kuvempunagar on Jan.6, 2019, under the aegis of Palace Sports Club. Entries can be sent before Jan.4 (5 pm). For details, call Mob: 98868-75437 or 99452-28253.

Science Fair on Jan. 4

The District-level Science Fair for high school students 'Vignana Vihar' will be conducted by Atal Tinkering Lab, Kautilya Vidyalaya, Dattagalli in association with Mysore Science Foundation under the aegis of National Children's Science Congress on Jan.4 at the school premises. Register before Jan.1. For details, contact Sandeep on Mob: 99018-52726.

Rangoli competition

Sri Chamundeshwari Daari Deepa Seva Samithi, Hosabandikeri, has organised a District-level Rangoli competition for college students from I PUC to final year Degree on Jan.5 at 6 am at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises. For details, call Mob: 81978-83963 or 87222-52407.

Diesel theft a burning issue at MCC Council Meeting

Mysuru, Dec.28 (SBD&BCT)- The issue of diesel theft from vehicles of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) kicked up a storm at the Council meeting of MCC yesterday. Opposition (BJP) leader B.V. Manjunath raised the issue and alleged that diesel is being stolen and marketed outside by some unscrupulous elements and the videos of the theft is being widely circulated in social media bringing disrepute to the civic body, he said.

The meeting was held at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Hall under the chairmanship of Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath. Manjunath said that though there were several complaints of diesel theft, the MCC has acted on it. Giving details, he said that videos of fuel theft on H.D. Kote Road and J.P. Nagar are circulating in the social media.

He said that a tipper belonging to MCC (KA-09-C-9915) was spotted parked on H.D. Kote Road on Dec.14, where diesel was being pumped out of the vehicle, filled in cans and being transported to other vehicles. "Contract driver Mahadeva and one more assistant were found selling diesel and I have submitted proof to Mayor and MCC Commissioner," he said.

He demanded immediate registration of criminal cases against the accused. He also said that while accounting for the diesel and petrol at fuel pump inside the MCC premises, people managing the pump give excuse that a large amount of fuel evaporates during summer. "Looking at the way diesel is being stolen and sold openly, there must be an investigation into how much fuel is filled at the pump and how many litres have been utilised by MCC members and officials," he said.

Manjunath urged the MCC authorities to install advanced technologies like biometric system and double locks to prevent fuel theft and ensure that there is proper accounting while receiving fuel stocks and also while dispensing the same to the vehicles.

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath flanked by MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha and Dy. Mayor Shafi Ahmed.

Injustice meted out to Pourakarmikas

Grave injustice is meted out to contract Pourakarmikas as their wages are cut even if they take sick leave. Manjunath said that while the MCC pays full wages to the contractor, the contractor cuts the wages of Pourakarmikas even if they don't report to work for a day or two due to illness.

Corporator Arif Hussain drew the attention of the Council towards the damage caused to the roads by people who dig them up to insert shamiyanas. He said that many public and private events are held on the main roads and apart from inconveniencing road users, the organisers dig holes to insert shamiyanas. This must be prevented and it must be made mandatory for event organisers to take permission from the MCC before digging holes, he felt.

Footpath vendor menace

Corporator Lokesh Piya raised the issue of several footpath vendors who are spoiling the beauty of the streets. He said that unregulated footpath vending was one of the main reasons for Mysuru to miss out on the Cleanest City Tag.

Vendors rule the streets, transforming main thorough fares into street food hubs, leaving behind mounds of garbage and blocking free movement of pedestrians and traffic, he said. Apart from residential areas, street hawkers occupy the main tourist thoroughfares and set up tents thereby blocking the roads and dirtying the whole atmosphere.

Pavements that are reserved for pedestrians have been usurped, be it the Sayyaji Rao Road, Raja Marga from the Mysore Palace to Bannimantap and even its extension till LIC Circle or footpath near T.K. Layout – almost all the footpaths have been occupied. He demanded the authorities to vacate the street vendors and shift them to designated street vending zones.

Bar near Zoo

Ward 52 Corporator Chayadevi raised the issue of a hotel near the Mysuru Zoo on Lokranjan Road being given permission by the MCC to open a bar and restaurant. She said that thousands of women and children come to the Zoo on a daily basis and opening a bar right near the Zoo will create more trouble. Also, this will sully the image of Mysuru that boasts of being a heritage and a clean city, she said.

Chayadevi demanded the MCC authorities to cancel the permission given to the hotel to open the bar and restaurant.

Rs. 35 lakh grant

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath announced a grant of Rs. 35 lakh for every ward for development works. The Corporators are expected to draw up an action plan for the works to be undertaken in their wards and tenders will be awarded. Payments will be made after three months of completing the works, the Mayor said. The grant came in response to the demand by several Corporators to release Rs. 1 crore to each ward as developmental works have come to a standstill.

Get online birth and death certificates through eJanMa

Mysuru, Dec.28- People in Mysuru can now get their birth and death certificates online. All one has to do is go to this *ejanma.kar.nic.in* and apply for it. The facility will be made available in 15 days and certificates can be obtained in any of the nine MCC zones.

Raising the issue at the Council meeting, Corporator M.V. Ramprasad told the Council that people are being made to run from pillar to post to obtain either a birth certificate or a death certificate. "People stand in long queues for certificates and many times they are turned away citing lack of resources, technical glitches and lack of internet connectivity," he said.

Former Mayor Ayub Khan and SBM Manju too raised the issue and said that people living in highly populated areas in Mysuru face a great difficulty to register birth and deaths as there is no proper system to do the same.

Replying to the concerns, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraju said that the State Government's eJanMa online birth and death certificate registration facility is being implemented across the State, especially in Mysuru and Bengaluru. He said that the software is being tested in Bengaluru and Mysuru and is likely to be finalised in another fortnight.

He said that the e-janma site provides details on all births, deaths and still births electronically registered in Karnataka. The births, deaths and still births that occur in rural areas are registered in eJanMa by Village Accountants through Nada Kacheri at Hobli level.

The births, deaths and still births that occurred in the Sub Registration Units (Govt. Medical Institutions PHC/CHC) are also registered in eJanMa and certificates are issued in the Institution itself, he said. In case, one has to include name of the child in birth certificate, one can contact respective Registrars and Sub Registrars (Village Accountants and Medical Officers).

In the eJanMa website, one can check your application status and statistical report as well. One can check whether a birth or death certificate is verified, Nagaraju added.

New complaints app

Citizens need not visit their respective zonal offices in order to bring civic issues to the notice of the officials. MCC will soon introduce an app that will enable them to raise complaints directly with the officials concerned. The system is meant to ring in greater accountability since complaints will be stored on the app, and the response closely monitored by higher officers.

Residents were currently using the Swachhata App and there have been many complaints of technical glitches with the app. On how the new app would work, MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha said that once a user uploads problems on to the app, the official concerned is alerted and the official will have to address it within a stipulated time period.

The interactive app will be available across platforms and will enable residents to make suggestions on improving the city's overall living standards.

Siddharamaiah raises objections to CM's English schools plan

Siddharamaiah

Bengaluru, Dec.28- Former Chief Minister and Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Siddaramaiah took strong objections to Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy over his move to introduce English medium in 1,000 government schools from the next academic year across the State.

The opposition of the former Chief Minister over this issue had indicated there is no clarity and consensus over many issues among coalition partners according to observations from political pundits.

Speaking after distributing books free-of-cost to the readers at the programme organised by Kannada Book Development Authority yesterday, he said he would discuss with Chief Minister in this regard to get sort out this issue as various eminent Kannada writers and activists urging the State Government to withdraw the decision and to teach English only as a language from primary classes.

Siddaramaiah had also took to Twitter to criticise the decision of the CM, saying, "I have studied in Kannada medium till high school. Am I an idiot?"

In the first tweet on last Thursday evening, Siddaramaiah wrote: "We should have clarity on learning Kannada language and Kannada medium (of instruction). I have studied in Kannada medium till high school. Am I (Has it made me) an idiot? Kannada should be the sovereign language in Karnataka."

In the second tweet, he said, "Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has said that 1,000 English medium schools will be started from the next academic year in the State. I will discuss this with him."

About a week ago, eminent Kannada writers had met in Bengaluru and expressed their reservations over the decision of the State Government. Following the meeting, the writers had decided to send a delegation led by Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Manu Baligar to meet the CM and urge him to withdraw the decision. They had threatened to launch an agitation against the government if their demands were not fulfilled.

This is not the first time that Siddaramaiah has been critical of the decisions made by the coalition government led by Kumaraswamy.

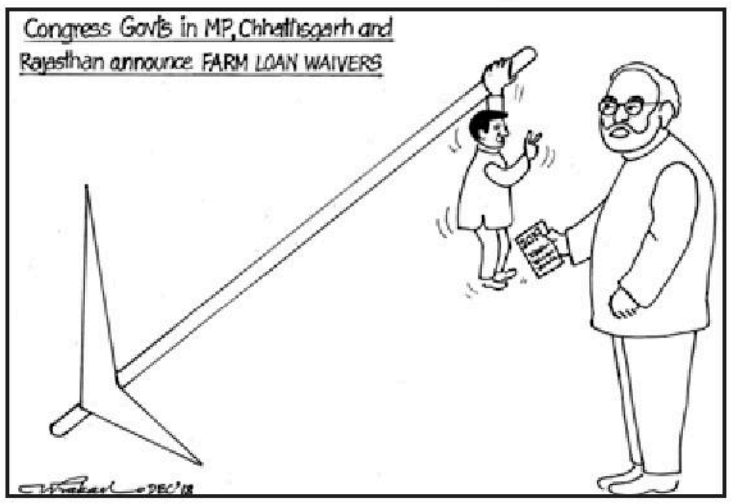
Apart from being critical of increase in fuel cess and others, he was also opposed to the interim budget presented in June.

The Karnataka State Government announced recently that it would ensure that English is used as the medium of language in government schools.

The initiative seeks to try out English-medium sections in 1,000 government schools at first, and will be applicable to all classes, including Kindergarten.

In the budget announcement too, the Kumaraswamy Government also said that it has identified around 28,847 government and aided schools with low admission rates and will merge them with 8,530 other schools closest to them.

TEASER By N. Prakash



Ex-CM Siddu to be felicitated on Dec. 30

Mysuru, Dec.28 (RKB&SR)- A programme to felicitate former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and book release function will be held on Dec.30 at Rani Bahaddur Auditorium on Manasagangothri campus in city. The programme is organised by Central, State Government, Semi- Government and Aided Institutions Scheduled Castes/ Tribe Employees Parishat, Mysore Division.

Informing this to reporters here yesterday, Parishat's President Shanthraj said that the Minister R.B. Thimmapur will inaugurate the programme. Nidumamidi Mutt's Veerabhadra Chennamalla Swamiji will grace the function. Chamarajanagar Member of Parliament R. Dhruvanarayan will preside.

MLA Tanveer Sait will release a book on 'Karnataka Anna Bhagya Scheme and Food Security' authored by Prof T.M. Mahesh on the same occasion.

Periyar exponent Kalaiselvi will speak on the topic 'Constitution objectives and Reservation.' Talakadu Chikka Rangegowda will speak on 'Karnataka Anna Bhagya Scheme and Food Security'. Prof T.M. Mahesh, Chikkandani, Mahadevamurthy, Surendra, others were present.

Girl goes missing

Shwetha

Mysuru, Dec.28- A 20-year old girl has gone missing from the city since Nov.6.

Shwetha, 20 of Thayur village had come to Mysuru along with her mother on Nov.6 to visit a hospital. After visiting the hospital, Shwetha and her mother came to the Sub-urban Bus Stand, from where Shwetha went missing, according to a complaint lodged by her mother at Lashkar Police Station.

Those having any clues about the missing Shwetha, can call Lashkar Police on Ph: 0821-2418307 or the City Police Control Room 0821-2418339.

High School student dies while playing Kabaddi

Mysuru, Dec.28 (YDS&NNN) - A student of Sharada Devi Public School who fell while playing Kabaddi and died has been reported.

The unfortunate victim is tenth standard student Akash (16), a resident of Janatanagar. While playing Kabaddi yesterday in his school, he fell down and sustained serious injuries on his head.

Since he had suffered serious head injuries, the school teachers immediately rushed him to Bhanavi Hospital.

However, the treatment failed and he succumbed to the injuries.

On receiving the information, Saraswathipuram Police reached the spot conducted an inquiry and registered a case.

No incidence of H1N1 flu in Mysuru District

District Surgeon Dr. Pashupathi clarifies

Mysuru, Dec.28 (RK&NNN)- There is no incidence of Swine Flu (H1N1) reported in city so far, said District Surgeon Dr. Pashupathi.

Star of Mysore had published a report yesterday that two persons had died in Mysuru due to H1N1.

Clarifying on the report, Dr. Pashupathi said that though there were reports of viral fever and breathing problems, there were no cases of H1N1 in Mysuru and the deaths that were reported were not due to H1N1.

The Health and Family Welfare Department has taken all measures to prevent the spread of epidemic and other diseases in the district, he said.

On the reports of two people succumbing to Swine Flu in Bengaluru, he said that it had not come to his notice.

Obituary

S. Jayamma

Mysuru, Dec.28 - S. Jayamma (60), elder sister of BJP leader and Cine actor S. Jayaprakash, and a resident of Vontikoppal in the city passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind two daughters, a son and a host of relatives and friends. Her last rites were performed at Gokulam crematorium today, according to family sources.

M.L . Rajeshwari

M.L. Rajeshwari (60), wife of late T.M. Gangadhar and a resident of Halladakeri in the city, passed away here yesterday following a heart attack.

She leaves behind two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Her last rites were performed at Veeranagere Lingayat Burial Ground this afternoon.

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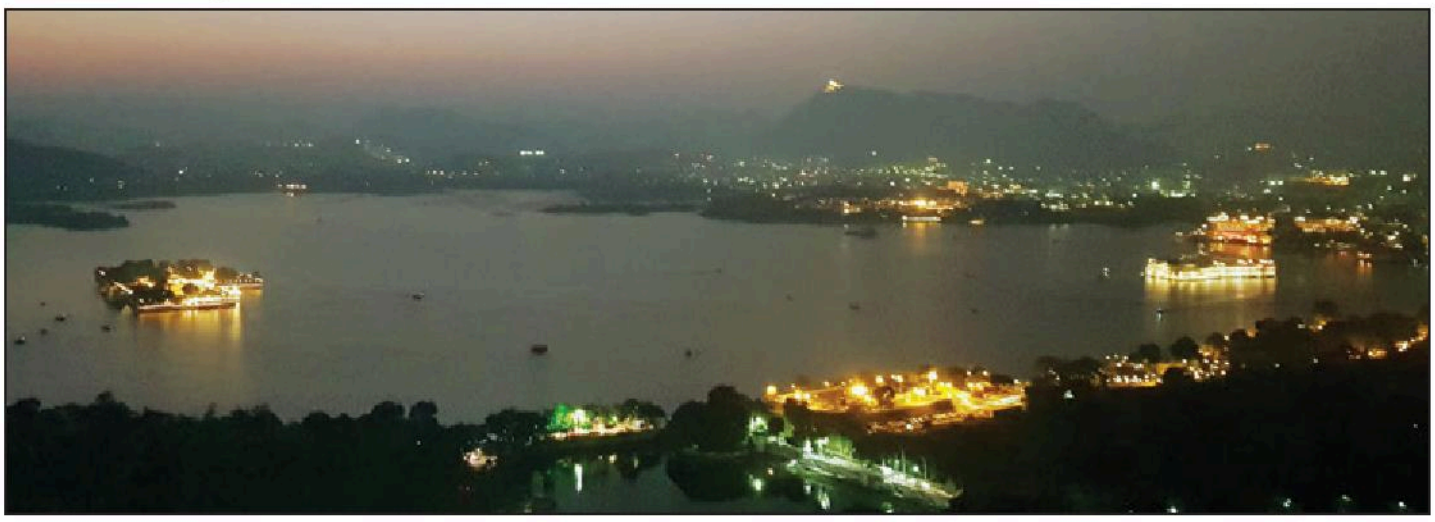
Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Why this Frenzied Rush?



A view of the Pichola Lake in Udaipur at dusk from the top of the Karni Mata Temple Hill.

Our new Tourism Minister seems to be as excited with his first portfolio as a young boy would be with a new toy. In his excitement to do 'something new' he seems to be full of enthusiasm but miserably short of good ideas. **And sadly, he seems to be surrounded only by head-nodding 'yes men' eager to please him rather than by really knowledgeable experts from his own department or any experienced people from the field of tourism.**

This is not very surprising, considering the fact that in any situation where people serve a person in power, most of them prefer to approve and applaud every suggestion made by their boss rather than incur his or her wrath by expressing their true opinions. As we all know very well, this is how it was in the days of our self-installed kings and queens when heads could roll at their command. And very shamefully, this is how it is even now when we just mumble or grumble at the misdeeds of our leaders but never question their actions however Quixotically conceived they may be.

We do not realise that in the democracy that we have chosen for ourselves, we the voters have every right to question our leaders and hold them accountable for all their misdeeds. The moment he stepped into his driving seat the Minister announced that he would reclaim the race course land and create a botanical garden there or hand it over to the Zoo for its expansion. Then he went on a morning walk and announced that he would 'develop' the Kukkarahalli Lake and convert it into a 'Tourist Spot' not realising that this water body was actually a rich bio-diversity spot within our city which needs to be protected and preserved for posterity. A little later he drove into the Brindavan Gardens and announced that he would build an amusement park there on the lines of distant Disneyland and also install a statue of Cauvery that would match the statue of Sardar Patel installed in Gujarat by the PM. He did not for a moment pause to ponder whether that project would be worth the loss of precious agricultural land that it would engulf.

When farmers from the area protested he held his hammer and tongs aloft and said that he would never be deterred from his dream project, come what may. But strangely, now he seems to have somehow diluted his stand perhaps with a little persuasion from his mentor, Kumaranna! But his latest proclamation perhaps born out of what he saw from his car while on a drive from Mysuru to Bengaluru really stumped me. He now wants to fill the dry moats around the historic Srirangapatna Fort with water and start boating facilities there!

A very fertile imagination indeed but imagine what it will do to the fort itself. **This fort which the Wadiyar kings and Tipu built to protect their seat of power and which has been declared a protected monument by our Archaeological Survey is itself sadly begging for protection against its rampant vandalism which is going on unchecked!** If boat rides are established there, it will not be long before hundreds of food and amusement stalls establish themselves all around the place. And, with the Cauvery River right alongside, these stalls will also start selling fried fish like how it now is at our Brindavan Gardens. The entire stretch of the walkway between the car parking area and the entrance is simply un-walkable! You only have to take one look at the scene there and you will decide never to go there again.

That is exactly what has happened to me. Ever since the scene changed from what it once was to what it now is, I have never gone there and will perhaps never go there again. The good old charm of visiting the Brindavan Gardens of the good old days is gone forever. **Incidentally, to most fish-eaters, eating fried fish may be the most exciting thing in the world but they must also understand what the strong smell of fried fish can do to the sensibilities of vegetarians. To them it can be the most nauseating experience. And mind you, this acknowledgement comes from a fish eater himself !** Our Tourism Minister must understand that promoting tourism does not just mean converting every potential tourist spot into a free-for-all fair. Its character, its decorum and its sanctity need to be protected while at the same time just providing the bare necessary conveniences for tourists who visit the place. One need not go far beyond the boundaries of our country to see what I mean.

A view of Lake Palace which has now become the Taj Lake Palace Hotel.

Very recently, on a visit to Udaipur with my family I could see a fairly good example of how sensible it is to leave our lakes and rivers to retain their pristine atmosphere which they have held on to over the centuries. Udaipur is a city very much like Mysuru since it has at least four lakes lying within its fold. Under an appropriate legislation the two larger ones, Pichola and Fathesagar, have never been allowed to be meddled with, either by the multitude of rich land owners around them or even by the authorities. Under a very stringently implemented law, no new development whatsoever is allowed in the protected areas and the hotel and restaurant owners are allowed only to make use of facilities and services which they already have.

Ministers may come and Ministers may go but this law stands. I feel that is how things should be here too and only then will we be able to retain the inherent character of our tourist spots. **Someone would do well to remind our Tourism Minister that if the only tool we have in our hand is a hammer, every problem will naturally look like a nail !**

[More about Udaipur next week]

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Invited for SAARC Fund Meet

Prof. Shivaram

Mysuru, Dec.28- Prof. Shivaram Malavalli, Resident Chairman, San Francisco - Bengaluru Sister City Initiative & Vice-President, ISBA (Indian Science & Technology Entrepreneurs Park & Business Incubators Association) has been invited as Speaker to the first SAARC Fund Meet in South Region of India to benefit the MSME, SMEs, funding agencies, banks and SME sectors. The event will be held on Dec. 29 at *The Rialto*, Seshadri Road, Bengaluru.

Suttur Jathra: Cooking contest

Mysuru, Dec. 28- Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogigalavara Jathra Mahotsava Samithi in association with JSS Mahavidyapeetha has organised a cooking competition using millets on Feb. 4 at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud taluk.

The competition has been organised as part of the Suttur Jathra Mahotsava that will be held from Feb. 1 to 6. Men and women above 20 years of age can take part in the competition. The organisers will provide gas stove, cylinder and water. The participants must bring millet products, utensils to cook and they must prepare on the spot.

Prizes and certificates will be given to the winners. Entry is open for the first 25 participants and they must register before Jan. 15, 2019.

For details, call Ph: 08221-232218 or Mob: 99451-02963 or 98446-62520, according to a press release.

Bags Bravery Award

Mysuru, Dec.28- S.N. Mourya of 8th standard, Ideal Jawa Rotary School, was awarded the Hoysala & Keladi Chennamma Bravery Award for his courage in saving a 60-year-old woman who had slipped into the river near Harangi Dam.

In recognition of his bravery, the State Government honoured him with the Hoysala Bravery Award on Children's Day 2018. He is the son of S.R. Nandeesh, according to a press release from S.A.Veena, Principal.

Two renowned Physicians of City to be feted on Physicians Day tomorrow

Dr. S.P. Yoganna

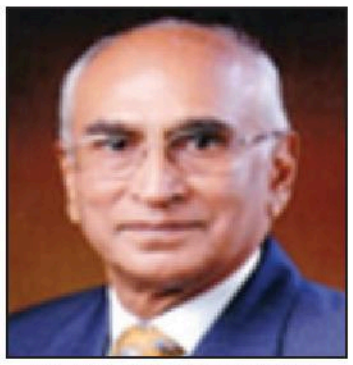
Mysuru, Dec.28 (NNN)-Two renowned Physicians of the city **Dr. B.V. Rajagopal,** 81, and **Dr. C. D. Sreenivasa Murthy,** 78, will be honoured by the Association of Physicians of India (API), Mysore Chapter, as part of Physicians Day, tomorrow (Dec.29) at *Hotel Southern Star* at 8 pm.

The API was started on Dec.23, 1944 and majority of the Physicians in the country are its members. At present there are 16,500 members. In Mysuru the API was formed in 1986 (API Mysore Chapter).

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, one of the Founder-Members of API Mysore Chapter, **Dr. S.P. Yoganna** said, "The first President of the Association was Dr. N.A. Jadhav who was called the 'Walking Medical Encyclopaedia.' The others who laid a strong foundation to API in the city included Dr. P.R. Ananthram, Dr. P.R. Shinde, Dr. M.Ramashetty and Dr. K.B. Subbaiah. None of them are amidst us today."

Asked about honouring of the Physicians by API, he said that this was the first time in its 32-year history that API, Mysore Chapter was honouring the Physicians of the city. It was due to the efforts of the current Chairman Dr. Laxmegowda, Professor of Medicine, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, that the two renowned Physicians Dr. Rajagopal and Dr. Sreenivasa Murthy, who are also the Founder-Members of API, are being honoured.

Dr. B.V. Rajagopal



Dr. C. D. Sreenivasa Murthy

Physicians Day

The Physicians celebrate Dec.23 as 'Physicians Day' throughout the country. The main of this Day is to honour Physicians who have served the community and who have concern for the health of the people. Hence, the senior-most and one of the first Physicians in the city, Dr. Rajagopal and Dr. Sreenivasa Murthy are being honoured, said Dr. Yoganna.

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Dr. B.V. Rajagopal, who is popularly known as "Mysore Physicians' Bhishma" hails from a family steeped in ancient system of Ayurveda in Nanjangud. He was born to B.V. Pandit and Laxmi Devamma on Sept.27, 1937.

He joined Government Medical College, Bangalore, in 1956 and received the certificate as the 'Best Outgoing Student' in 1956. He bagged Dr. Mekhri's prize for scoring highest marks in Physiology. He was captain of BMC Tennis team for three years. He did his Post-Graduation in Lucknow University in 1965 and Post Doctoral training in Medicine and Cardiology in USA and UK for three years.

Dr. Rajagopal is the first private Medical Consultant in the city to set up facilities that included ECG, Path Lab X-ray Unit and Physiotherapy. He was the Professor of Medicine at Adichunchanagiri Medical College for ten years. He was the Honorary Professor of Medicine at Mysore Medical College for six years and National Professor of Medicine, IMA College of General Practitioners, for three years.

He was the National Vice-President, Indian Medical Association (1993-94), President of IMA Karnataka State Branch (1982-83), Chairman of API Karnataka Chapter (1986-87), President of Cardiological Society of India, Mysore Chapter (2005-2006) and President of CSI Karnataka Chapter (2006-07).

Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy (CDS), who hails from a well-known business family in the city, passed out of Mysore Medical College in 1961 with a Gold Medal and as the 'Best Outgoing Student.' He did his MD from the prestigious PGIMER (Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research), Chandigarh in 1965. He studied Cardiology as a specialisation and is practising as a heart specialist since the last 42 years.

There was no Diploma in Cardiology those days and CDS with just ECG, stethoscope and clinical knowledge had been diagnosing serious heart ailments and saving the lives of the people, said Dr. Yoganna.

He has held prestigious offices of one or the other organisations and this includes as the Chairman of Indian Medical Association, Chairman of API Karnataka Chapter and Mysore Chapter and President of Cardiological Society of India, Mysore Chapter, Chairman of MPMRT (Mysore Physicians Medical Research Trust).

CDS has been very active in the social service sector too. He was the Chairman of MRC (Mysore Race Club) and MRC Eye Hospital, Vice-Chairman of Mission Hospital for 15 years, Trustee of Vasavi Vidya Nikethana and MRC Charitable Trust, former Chairman of Mysore Doctors Club and DDG (Deputy District Governor) of Lions International (Dist - 324-D1) and Past Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of India (Free Masonry). He is a known sportsman also, excelling in swimming and golf and is the Founder-Member of Golf Club of Mysore.

Winners of Vishwamanava Open Golf Championship

A group photo of prize winners of Vishwamanava Open Golf Championship - 2018 held at J.W. Golf Club in city recently. Seen are** (sitting from left) **B. Ravindranth Reddy (Chairman,Tournament Sub-Committee), Dr. Venkatesh Joshi (Captain, JWGC), H.D. Thimmappa Gowda (President of Vishwamanava Golfers Association of JWGC & Hon. Secretary, JWGC), C.S. Ravishankar (President, JWGC), Dr. S.L. Narayan (Hon. Treasurer, JWGC), A.S. Somesh (Hon. Treasurer, Vishwamanava Golfers Association), Col. Samba Murthy;** (standing from left) **Hussein Vagh, P.M. Changappa, Ranjith Sanath, S.G. Prabhu, M. Arjun Ranga, Dhruv Bopanna, S. Amit, M. Somashekar, B.V. Sudhanva, Surendra Agarwal, S. Ramachandra, Jacob Thomas Paul, B.P. Manjunath, Dr. S. Prasanna Shankar and M.G. Chengappa.

Mysuru, Dec.28- Following are the prize winners of Vishwamanava Open Golf Championship - 2018 held at J.W. Golf Club in city recently:

Strokeplay Gross: Hussein Vagh (74 Gross) - Winner; M.G. Chengappa (74 Gross) - Runner (Better Back 6 Over K.A. Anil Kumar)

Strokeplay Net (H/C 0 to 12): M. Arjun Ranga (64 Net) - Winner; S.G. Prabhu (67 Net) - Runner.

Strokeplay Net (H/C 13 to 18): Ranjith Sanath (65 Net) - Winner; Avinash (65 Net) - Runner.

Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 18): M. Somashekar (65 Net) - Winner; S. Ramachandra (41 Points) - Runner.

Stableford Net (H/C 19 to 24): P.M. Changappa (43 Points) - Winner; Jacob Thomas Paul (43 Points) - Runner.

Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24) for Seniors 65 years & above: Surendra Agarwal (41 Points) - Winner; Dr. S. Prasanna Shankar (38 Points) - Runner.

Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24) for Super Seniors 75 years & above: Col. Samba Murthy (34 Points) - Winner.

Best Vishwamanava Golfers: B.P. Manjunath (41 Points) - Winner; S. Amit (36 Points) - Runner.

Stableford Net (H/C 0 to 24)

Nearest to the Pin - 2nd Hole: S.G. Prabhu (6 Feet 5 Inches).

Nearest to the Pin - 6th Hole: Dhruv Bopanna (3 Feet 1 Inches).

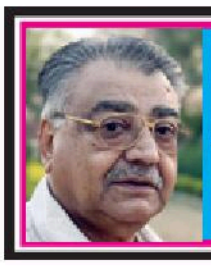
Nearest to the Pin - 12th Hole: B.V. Sudhanva (5 Feet 8 Inches).

Nearest to the Pin - 15th Hole: M. Somashekar (5 Feet 2 Inches).

The event, sponsored by Vishwamanava Golfers Association of JWGC, saw participation of 184 golfers.

Best Vishwamanava Golfer

Former Chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority B.P. Manjunath seen receiving the 'Best Vishwamanava Golfer Trophy-2018' from JWGC Captain Dr. Venkatesh Joshi as Club President C.S. Ravishankar, Treasurer of Vishwamanava Tournament Somesh and JWGC Treasurer Dr. Narayan look on.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Power of Aadhaar card: Fake claimants of agri loan waiver exposed

The so-called 'political intellectuals' while dealing with matters concerning marginal farmers, labourers and the poor of the society should exhibit wisdom to protect the wealth of the nation so that the same could be appropriated to the poor and the needy as it happened in Karnataka loan waiver case. In my humble opinion, the present Aadhaar card is good for the country and also for the individual citizen. Aadhaar will act as a bulwark against the dishonest, corrupt and illegal immigrants also.

The prophetic words of Prof. John Kenneth Galbraith, the former Ambassador of America in India during the days of President John F. Kennedy, that the Indian Democracy was a *functioning anarchy* seems to be true even today after 55 years.

There is a Grand Old Party (GOP) Congress and the Nationalist Young Party (NYP) BJP which arraigned against each other alleging all kinds of political, economic and moral sins which this country has not seen before 2014 when BJP came to power. The blame for this cannot be laid at the doorsteps of BJP at all because as we have seen this blame-game began the moment BJP (NDA) won the 2014 elections with a vast majority.

The Congress (UPA) began to feel like a fish out of water without political power which it had enjoyed continuously for ten years prior to 2014. So began a multi-pronged acrimonious attack on BJP (NDA) and particularly on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It began with the accusation of **intolerance** and the consequent *award-wapsi tamasha,* gimmick, by those 'intellectuals' who were patronised by Congress with awards and positions.

Thereafter, it was a free-for-all. What happened at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and the cases of suicides in educational campuses, etc., only made things worse. **Of course, BJP in its euphoria of newly-acquired power enabled the right extremists to behave like they are above the law. The lynching of minorities in the name of holy cow is abominable.**

As time progressed, leading to next year's Parliamentary elections, a tempo of mutual vicious accusation reached its crescendo when Rahul Gandhi said "This *Chowkidar* is a *Chor,*" referring to the purchase of Rafale fighter jets. Rahul Gandhi was alluding to Narendra Modi's famous statement during the election campaign that he was a *Chowkidar* (watchman) of the country to protect it from looting by the *Namdharis* (inheritors), Gandhi family.

As a consequence, anything that is done in the interest of the nation by BJP (NDA) was opposed blindly and vehemently in a vengeful manner by Congress (UPA). **It is a case of putting the interest of the party above the interest of the nation.**

For example, the **Aadhaar card.** It was conceived and introduced as an identity card for all **citizens** in India. It carries all their personal details. It would replace the multiple cards that were required earlier for an individual to deal with the government departments and even private institutions. The card holder is enrolled by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

When everything looked good, a big controversy erupted. A newspaper reported that anyone could get the Aadhaar card holder's **personal details** on *WhatsApp* for as little as Rs. 500. Finally the matter went to Supreme Court which ruled that Aadhaar is mandatory for filing Income Tax Returns. It also said that in some other cases Aadhaar is not mandatory — for example, if you want to buy a new SIM card or for students who appear for exams. However, Supreme Court upheld the Aadhaar Act. But what if you want to avail benefits under Government Welfare Schemes...?

Now, a **Congress politician and a Rajya Sabha Member** has moved the Supreme Court for a **review** of its judgement upholding the passage of Aadhaar Act in the Parliament as a 'Money Bill.' **Apparently, this Review petition is an attempt to enable people to get the government benefits without submitting Aadhaar card.** But it is important to realise how the unscrupulous rich citizens could avail the benefits (when they are not entitled), if authentication by Aadhaar card is not required. **Just one example.**

In Karnataka, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's Government, apparently apprehending foul play in getting the agriculture loan waiver, decided to link the Aadhaar card of the borrower to the agriculture loan waiver scheme. Lo and behold, Kumaraswamy's Government has saved Rs. 2,500 crore as a result. When the Government looked at the personal details of agriculture loan waiver benefit claimants from their Aadhaar card, it was found that wealthy people, Income Tax payers, big industrialists and even Government Officers were to get agriculture loan waiver benefit! They were borrowing money from Credit Co-operative Banks anticipating agricultural loan waiver scheme by the Government sometime in the future. Imagine, but for the **personal details** the Aadhaar card provided these greedy rich people would have easily got away availing the loan waiver benefits; in a way, 'legally cheating' the government!

It is to be understood that there is no social welfare scheme, including the loan waiver scheme, which is fool-proof. However, from the recent example in Karnataka mentioned above, it is clear that in the final reckoning Aadhaar card will benefit the country and the genuine borrowers.

The politician who filed the review petition with the plea on Aadhaar in the Supreme Court must ponder about the good the Aadhaar card would do to our citizens and the country unless he wants **non-citizens and illegal immigrants** to have access to Government subsidies, benefits and services. **Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act requires authentication by Aadhaar card if beneficiaries want to access subsidies, benefits and services.**

In matters where protecting the **wealth of the nation** and also the rights of the **genuine claimants** are concerned, pursuing political agenda and technicality is like counting the trees and missing the wood.

Rightly it is said of a purist-economist as one who knows the price of a thing but never its value.

In my humble opinion, the present **Aadhaar card** is good for the country and also for the patriotic citizen. Aadhaar will act as a bulwark against the dishonest, corrupt and illegal immigrants.

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Para motoring cancelled due to crash landing

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Soon after the incident, Kumar informed Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar who directed the even to be cancelled as there was a technical snag and safety issue. "Fortunately, no one sustained injuries. As spare parts are not available in Mysuru, we have ordered them from Bengaluru and we will start operations as soon as we receive the parts and after taking approval from the DC," Kumar added.

The two-seater glider (one for the pilot and one for the passenger) can take a person on an 8-minute ride to have a glimpse of Mysuru city for a price of Rs. 2,000. One can fly up to 6,000 ft high depending on air flow conditions.

Domestic workers pour out grievances at public hearing

Mysuru, Dec.28 (RK&DM)-Over 130 women domestic helps from Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts poured out grievances at the public hearing of domestic workers" organised under the aegis of Mysuru Gruhakarmikara Trade Union at the Institution of Engineers on JLB road in the city this morning.

One women from Gandhinagar in city claimed that her mother who was working as a domestic help died of electric shock a couple of years ago and her family was still awaiting compensation. She sought the intervention of the authorities concerned for getting justice.

A few women complained of sexual harassment from owners of houses where they worked, while few others accused that they are being unnecessarily harassed by their employers.

Some others alleged that they were being falsely accused of theft charges while working as domestic help in houses.

There was also a demand for fixing wages of domestic servants on hourly basis and bringing them under the cover of ESI and PF. Former State Women's Commission Chairperson Manjula Manasa spoke on 'Women and Law', while C. Jawaraiah, a city advocate spoke on workers and minimum wages.

Geetha Menon, Director, Stree Jagruti Samiti, Bengaluru and Vinay Srinivas of Alternative Legal Forum, Bengaluru, who were the judges, heard grievances from domestic workers. RLHP's Saraswathi and others were present.

Green Buds' alleged cheating case

Depositors' documents pile up at Asst. Commissioner's Office

The District Administration staff seen checking the documents piled up at the AC Office here this morning.

Mysuru, Dec.28 (MTY&DM)- Even as the deadline for submission of documents in respect of investments in Green Buds Agro Farms ended yesterday, the District Administration is said to have extended the deadline by two more days after considering the huge number of agents and investors who continue to visit the Assistant Commissioner's (AC) Office in the city, where the documents are to be submitted.

Over a hundred agents and depositors from different parts of the State had lined up at the AC's Office as early as 6 this morning and more number of investors are expected by this evening to submit documents.

More than 10 counters have been set-up at the Office of the Assistant Commissioner H.N. Shivegowda in the DC Office premises here.

Following a government direction issued last month, the Office of the Assistant Commissioner started receiving documents from investors of Green Buds Agro Farms which is alleged to have cheated investors, setting a Dec.27 deadline. But as depositors from far off places continued to throng the AC Office even as the deadline approached, the District Administration decided on extending the deadline by two more days.

The AC's Office is said to have received documents from over 1.25 lakh agents and investors so far and this number is expected to go further up by tomorrow.

DC inaugurates Bird Festival

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The DC further said that people can upload pictures of rare birds they had clicked from their mobile phones that were found in their vicinity, nearby lakes, agriculture fields, hills etc, to eBird portal and eBird app available on the website exclusively developed for promotion of bird-watching.

Earlier, Mysore Nature Club's Prof. Shivaprakash explained the importance of bird festival.

He lauded the efforts of District Administration and Mysuru Zoo for sensitising the youth, children and people on protection of birds and wild animals in the region. The Club has prepared a documentary of birds and migratory birds found in and around Mysuru, he said.

An exhibition of rare photographs of bird-watchers was displayed at Mysuru Zoo. Prizes were distributed to the winners of various competitions organised on the occasion.

Several experts spoke on the protection of migratory birds in and around Mysuru at the technical session.

Later, the bird-watchers grouped into six teams, were taken to visit the lakes located in and around the city such as Lingambudhi Lake, Karanji Lake, Kukkarahalli Lake, Hebbal Lake, Giri Bettadakere and Varakodu Lake.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Sidramappa Chalkapure, Deputy Director of Mysuru Zoo B.T. Manjunath and others were present.

BJP ticket aspirants for Ch'nagar LS seat

Mysuru, Dec. 28 (RKB&DM)- In a display of unity among them, four BJP leaders have appealed the party high command to field anyone among them for the Chamarajanagar seat in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here this morning, District BJP President Kote M. Shivanna said that the party high command can chose anyone among them — former MLC C. Ramesh, former Kollegal MLA G.N. Nanjundaswamy, senior party leader S. Mahadevaiah and himself, for the Chamarajanagar (SC) seat in the forthcoming LS polls.

Maintaining that BJP has a good chance of winning Chamarajanagar (SC) seat this time, as people were fed up with Congress rule, Shivanna said the press meet has been organised as a show of unity and expressed the hope that one among them would get the party ticket.

Replying to a question on what would their stance be if the party chooses senior leader V. Sreenivasa Prasad, Shivanna said Prasad has often said that he would not contest elections.

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Cultural extravaganza marks Annual Day

SRI SHARADA PUBLIC SCHOOL: The decennial year School Day was celebrated in a grand manner at the School premises recently. Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, released Decennial Year School Magazine 'Chiguru - 2018' and addressed the gathering.

To mark the decennial celebrations, the School Management recognised the services of the employees, who have served continuously for five years in the institution and felicitated them on the occasion.

Students of the School entertained the audience by presenting various cultural programmes showcasing the culture and tradition of the nation.

Sri Sharada Public School Secretary R.M. Srivatsa, Treasurer Kusuma Ramanathan, Administrator M. Gururaja, Principal K.P. Seema, special invitees, parents, teachers and students witnessed the cultural extravaganza.

MOUNT LITERA ZEE SCHOOL (MLZS): *The 6th Annual Day of MLZS was celebrated with the theme 'Youth and Truth.' Chief guest for the event was Brig. Ajit Singh, Group Commander, NCC, Rajkot. MLZS Founder and Chairman Dr. Joseph Thomas and Vice-Chairman Helena Joseph felicitated the chief guest in the presence of MLZS Secretary P. Nagaraja. Principal Dr. Preethy Vincent presented the Annual Report. Vice-Principal Geetha J. Raman welcomed. KG Coordinator Sumitha Amit proposed a vote of thanks. MLZS Annual News Letter 'Litera Mag' was also released by the chief guest — Brig. Ajit Singh.*

GRACE OPEN SCHOOL & TRAINING CENTRE, BOGADI: 'Amazing Grace 2018,' the Annual Day of the Centre was held at Basaveshwara Samudaya Bhavan in a grand manner. Director Swapna Joseph presided over the programme. Roopa, Principal, Mariya Nikethan High School, was the chief guest. Dr. Sr. Annie Mathoth, was the guest of honour. Fr. John Nellivila of St. Mary's Malnakara Catholic Church gave the Christmas Message. Dr. Joswin Joseph, retired Professor from Mysore University, Trustees Shibu Joseph, B.S. Jay Ram and May Rose Steele were present. Children of every batch showcased their talents in music, dance and drama.

FUTURE FOUNDATION MONTESSORI SCHOOL, DATTAGALLI: The 10th Annual Day celebration of the School was celebrated recently at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar.

Nanda Halemane, Director, Prasthuthi Institution, Mysuru and women activist, was the chief guest. She distributed the certificates to the students. School Head Mistress Roopa Chengappa was present.

Picture on top shows Dr. N. Muthukumar, Ln. Dr. Chandrashekar Shetty, Ln. Dharmendra, President, Lions Club of Mysore West, School President Ln. K.S. Gururaja, Secretary Ln. Ali Abbas Vagh, Treasurer Ln. Satish Rao, Principal N.V. Sivakumar, Vice-Principal Shobha Perierra and Administrator H.S. Thrinesh during the inauguration of the Annual Day celebrations.

MYSORE WEST LIONS SEVANIKETAN SCHOOL: The 30th Annual Day celebrations of the School was held recently with Dr. N. Muthukumar, Chairman, CII Karnataka, as the chief guest and Dr. Ln. Dr. Chandrashekar Shetty, Vice-Chancellor, Adichunchanagiri University of Medical Sciences, as the guest of honour. Ln. Dr. Shetty unveiled the ISO 9001:2015 certificate awarded to the institution recently while Dr. Muthukumar released the annual Magazine "SEVA."

CHAMPAKA ACADEMY: The Annual Day of the Academy was recently celebrated at its centres in Hebbal and Ramakrishnagar respectively. Colourfully dressed children gave mesmerising performances that included yoga, rhymes, dance, skits and story-telling, in front of cheering parents, friends and relatives. Trustees P.K. Nagalakshmi, Nagarajan Srinivasan and K.A. Deepamani were present.

LITTLE ELLY, RAMAKRISHNA NAGAR: The 6th Annual Day and Graduation Day celebration of Little Elly was held recently with Prof. M.S. Venugopal as the chief guest.

Censor Board rejects Kodava movie due to colour grading!

None of the five members, who watched the film 'Paarane' to certify, knew Kodava language

Shreelesh S. Nair

Mysuru, Dec. 28- Kodava film 'Paarane' that has been screened in several National and International Film Festivals cannot be screened in the upcoming Bengaluru International Film Festival. Reason: Regional Office of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has rejected certification for the movie because the members who watched it did not like the colour grading and the long-duration shots in it.

Shockingly, none of the people at CBFC who watched the movie knew Kodava language, which is crucial to make a decision of issuing certification! Now, forget Bengaluru International Film Fest, the movie-makers cannot even apply for National Film Awards without a CBFC certificate.

'Paarane', directed by Shreelesh S. Nair, tells the story of struggle by people from a village named Paarane for their existence and entity. Encroachers attack and try to destroy their native natural resources in the name of business. Realising this, the protagonists revolt against the invaders. The high-point of the film is that it is made on a shoestring budget of merely Rs. 3 lakh, as claimed by the Director. None of the actors were professionally into films and it introduces many new actors. Its duration is 1 hour and 32 minutes.

Nair, who is from Kerala and currently a resident of Bengaluru, said that the movie cast people from Paarane village and filmed around Kodagu district with sync sound. 'Paarane' has won the Certificate of Achievement at the Calcutta International Cult Film Festival. The film also participated in the Kolkata International Film Festival and has been selected for the Golden Grand Film Festival, Redwood Film Festival and Eurasian Film Festival.

"A Kodava language film making it to film festivals, which is first time in India, has definitely excited the team. It has been nominated at Indonesia Film Festival and a small festival to be held in Berlin," Nair said.

Tasting success at International level, Nair approached CBFC's Regional Office in Bengaluru for certification. "None of the five members, including the Regional Officer, who watched 'Paarane' knew Kodava language. The film has only 11 shots in it and the CBFC objected to it. I was asked why there were no close-up shots of actors," Nair said.

"Shockingly, a CBFC official who objected to the colour grading, said why was Coorg not looking beautiful and I told him that was the way I have made the film. The official insisted that he has rules to follow and cannot certify any film and I told him to please show me the rule book. Only if rules are made public filmmakers can know what kind of films CBFC object to," Nair said.

Nair, who took objection to the way he was treated at Regional Office of CBFC, was told to go to court or appeal to CBFC head office in Mumbai. And for that he needs Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 60,000. "I made the movie in a small budget of Rs. 3 lakh and I don't have the resources for the appeal and to go to the court," he said.

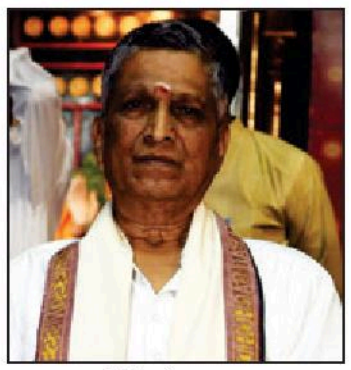
Advocates who are in the know of CBFC guidelines said that the CBFC can reject a scene when it is vulgar, if it provokes communal tensions or threatens to damage the sovereignty or integrity of India or extremely and unnecessarily violent.

The CBFC does not have powers to reject certification on a movie's total length or dull colour as it amounts to denying freedom of expression of the film-maker, lawyers said.

Mahadevappa Memorial violin concert on Jan. 1

In memory of late violin maestro Mahadevappa, JSS Sangeetha Sabha has organised a violin duet concert by his sons Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath on Jan. 1 at 5.30 pm. The concert will be held at Vasudevacharya Bhavana on JLB Road in the presence of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt.

Sangeetha Vidya Nidhi R.K. Padmanabha will be the chief guest. Sabha President K.V. Murthy will be present. Ananta R. Krishnan from Chennai will accompany the brothers on mridanga and Ojas Adhiya from Mumbai on tabla.


Mahadevappa

Nagaraj & Dr. Manjunath

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Profile

Mahadevappa had a traditional and rigorous training in violin under Puttaswamiah, younger brother of T. Chowdiah. Vidwan Mahadevappa's musicianship was the quintessence of the pristine purity of the Bidaram School of Music in the lineage of Sri Tyagaraja, in which he was the torch-bearer. His dedicated musical journey acquired a new dimension with the shaping of his illustrious sons into top ranking violinists of international reputation. Mahadevappa is said to have designed new violin techniques, adapting a new style to express great versatility but strictly adhering to classicism. His performances enthralled audience everywhere and won him immense admiration.

He served as the Head of the Department of violin at the College of Fine Arts for more than 26 years. Actively involved in a number of promotional works in Mysuru, he was also entrusted the responsibility of starting the JSS Sangeetha Sabha by Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji. Recognising his invaluable services in the field of music, Government of Karnataka honored him with the title 'Rajya Sangeetha Vidwan' and Chowdiah National Award. Gayana Samaja, Bengaluru, conferred on him the title 'Sangeetha Ratna.' His other important honours include 'Rajyotsava Award', 'Nadanidhi' by Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama and 'Ganavidya Varidhi.'

The present concert is named 'Dhanyasi' as Dhanyasi was one of his favourite ragas.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

V.N. Prasad & Troupe to present 'KHANs NITE' on Dec. 30

Singers to render popular numbers from films of Shah Rukh Khan, Aamir Khan and Salman Khan

On Sunday, the 30th of December, V. N. Prasad & Troupe is all set to stage its last programme at Kalamandira, commencing at 5.45 pm. The programme is structured around film songs of three Khans — Shah Rukh, Aamir and Salman. Soulful numbers of the late 80s to early 21st century will feature in the event.

After the demise of the greats namely Mukesh (1976), Mohammed Rafi (1980) and Kishore Kumar (1987), the Hindi film industry struggled to fill the vacuum. Singers like Shabbir Kumar, Vinod Rathod, S. P. Balasubramanyam did the honours. Not until Udith Narayan (1988) and Kumar Sanu (1989) and later Sonu Nigam came into full-fledged singing did the composers really recover.

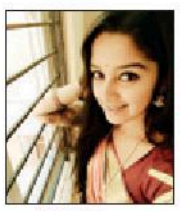
V. N. Prasad

New generation composers like Jatin-Lalith, Shankar Mahadevan, A.R. Rahman, Anu Malik, Vishal-Shekhar, Nadeem Shravan, Ismail Darbar, Anand Milind, Mansoor Khan, Himesh Reshmaya etc., appeared on the scene and indeed composed very soulful numbers.

That was the period when the three Khans, namely Shah Rukh, Aamir and Salman, commenced their journey in the tinsel world and are continuing to serve the film industry.

Compositions like *'Ankhon Ki Gustakia', 'Suraj Hua Maddam', 'Humko Hameese Churalo', 'Radha Kaise Na Jale', 'Sathiya E Kya Kia', 'Pehala Nasha', 'Dil To Pagal Hai', 'Subhanalla', 'Jane Kyon Log Pyar Kartehein'* etc., bore the stamp of class.

Admission to the programme is free of cost and commences at 5.45 pm. Prasad has requested music-lovers to park their vehicles in a disciplined manner, avoid carrying edibles into the auditorium and ensure cleanliness in and around Kalamandira.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Visitors to Dasara Expo on the RISE, but business DOWN

Shop-keepers worried as people prefer online shopping

The three-month expo will close on Jan.7

Mysuru, Dec.28 (YDS&NNN)- Is the Dasara Exhibition held every year at the Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Grounds, opposite the Mysore Palace, an exercise in futility for hundreds of shop-keepers who set up shop at the Grounds as part of annual Dasara celebrations?

This question begs an answer, since the shop-owners are a wearied lot, as their business has suffered, though the footfalls to the exhibition keeps growing. Their cry that except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the daily business on other days hardly crosses Rs.1,000, shows their plight in trying to do business at the Exhibition.

The main reason for this steep fall in business is because most of the customers chose to buy their products online and as a result, when they visit the Exhibition except for window shopping, they are hardly interested in making any purchases, say most of the shop-keepers expressing their concern.

A handloom shop owner Balu, speaking to *Star of Mysore* said, "Today every item is available online and people book them and get the items at their doorstep. Hence, the number of people buying in shops is going down and this is affecting our business. They come see the items on display, and they go and eat Masala Dosa and visit other food stalls."

Shankar and Arun Kumar said, "When compared to last year, there are more people visiting the Exhibition this year. However, only on Saturdays and Sundays there is good business. On other days, there is hardly any business."

6,000 visit Expo: In the light of Christmas holidays for schools and colleges, there are a lot of tourists visiting Mysuru and going to places of tourist interest like Chamundi Hill, Palace, Zoo and the Dasara Exhibition. Nearly 6,000 people visited the Exhibition and went around the Government Stalls like Higher Education, Sericulture, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Kannada and Culture, Industries and Commerce, D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development, Karnataka Soaps and Detergents, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Leather Development Corporation and other Departments. Then they made a beeline to the food stalls and after consuming lip-smacking dishes, hardly did any shopping and left the venue.

There are 143 spacious stalls built at a cost of Rs.2 crore. Out of this, seven stalls were handed over to Government Departments and the remaining 136 stalls rented out to shopkeepers. The nearly three-month expo will close on Jan.7, 2019.

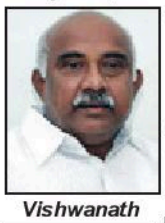
M.B. Patil gets Home Ministry

M.B. Patil

Bengaluru, Dec.28 - Days after Cabinet expansion, the Congress High Command gave a final nod for the allocation of portfolios of its newly-inducted Ministers on Thursday night.

M.B. Patil, who was inducted into the H.D. Kumaraswamy led coalition Government on Dec.22, was given the plum Home Ministry, which was hitherto held by Deputy CM Dr. G. Parameshwara. The portfolios of the other seven newly-inducted Ministers are as follows: R.B. Thimmapur - Skill Development, M.T.B. Nagaraj - Housing, P.T. Parameshwar Naik - Muzarai and IT&BT, C.S. Shivalli - Municipal Administration and Ports, Rahim Khan - Youth Services and Sports, Satish Jarkiholi - Forest, E. Tukaram - Medical Education.

Vishwanath to quit as State JD(S) President



Vishwanath

Mysuru, Dec.28 (YDS&DM)- Citing poor health, State JD(S) President A.H. Vishwanath on Thursday said he was planning to quit from his post.

Maintaining that he was not keeping well and was unable to continue in the post, Vishwanath said he wants to concentrate on the development of Hunsur Constituency, which he represents.

Pointing out that his poor health had hindered organisational plans of the party, Vishwanath said that however a final decision on his quitting the post will be taken by the Party Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda.

Stressing on the need for the JD(S) to win as many seats as possible in the 2019 Lok Sabha Polls, he said this requires extensive travelling and organisational activities, which he cannot do because of his poor health. "This has prompted to think about stepping down from JD(S) State President post," he pointed out.

MCC cannot grant funds for building houses in revenue sites: Comr.

Jagadeesha

Mysuru, Dec.28 (MTY&DM)- MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha has said that the MCC cannot grant funds for construction of houses in Revenue sites.

Replying to a demand by former Mayor Ayub Khan and other Corporators who sought extension of financial assistance to SC/ST, backward classes and the specially-abled for construction of homes, at the Council meeting yesterday, the MCC Commissioner said that basic amenities such as water and power can be provided for homes in revenue sites. But as the land is a Revenue issue, the MCC has no powers to extend financial assistance for construction of homes. However, the proposal can be discussed at the next Council meeting and a final decision taken in this regard, Jagadeesha said.

MCC to change Pleader

Some Corporators wanted to know why advocate H.C. Shivaram, who was appointed as MCC advocate to argue in High Court, had not been replaced even though a decision was taken in this regard at the previous Council meeting.

Accusing Shivaram of failing to meet the expectations of the MCC in cases pending at the High Court, the Corporators opposed his continuation as MCC Pleader.

Corporator M.U. Subbaiah alleged that many senior advocates were hesitant to take up MCC cases as the authorities were failing in their duty to submit necessary records in time. He suggested appointment of 5-6 advocates to represent MCC in Courts.

Alleging that Shivaram had argued against the MCC in some cases in the High Court at Bengaluru, the Corporators questioned the propriety of H.C. Shivaram's continuance.

Corporator M.U. Subbaiah alleged that many senior advocates were hesitant to take up MCC cases as the authorities were failing in their duty to submit necessary records in time.

Maintaining that payment of fee based on the nature of the case would be a good idea for the MCC, Subbaiah suggested appointment of 5-6 advocates to represent the MCC in Courts.

After a prolonged debate on the issue, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath announced that H.C. Shivaram will be replaced by a suitable advocate. Asking the MCC officials to submit records in time to the advocate, the Mayor cautioned that the concerned official would be held responsible for any lapses in submission of records.

Rs. 20 cr. released for development of tourism in Srirangapatna: Minister

Srirangapatna, Dec. 28 - State Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh informed that the State Government has sanctioned Rs. 20 crore for development of tourist spots in Srirangapatna.

Speaking to reporters after chairing the progress review meeting with the taluk-level officials held at Hotel Mayura River View recently, he promised that the tourism promotion work will be implemented very soon. He said that amount was sanctioned following instructions from Chief Minister H.D.Kumaraswamy and an appeal from local MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah.

Mahesh said there are plans to introduce boating at the moat around the Fort to attract more tourists. Plans have been made for improvement of Park around Srirangapatna Fort after making illumination arrangements.

He said the moat surrounding the historical Fort would be cleaned, filled with Cauvery river water and then boating will be introduced. The government has released funds for taking up cleaning of the Fort and moat, road widening and street-lights, the Minister said.

Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh inspecting the Fort at Srirangapatna in Mandya district recently along with Srirangapatna MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah and others.

A grant of Rs. 50 lakh will be released for construction of hi-tech toilet near Nimishamba temple for the benefit of devotees. Parking and other basic facilities will be improved at Sri Ranganathaswamy temple and other tourist spots.

MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah said there is a need of around Rs. 300 crore for development of Srirangapatna and projects should be planned to attract more foreign tourists and also fetch profit to the government exchequer.

Earlier, the Tourism Minister inspected the Fort, Ranganathaswamy temple and other nearby tourist spots.

The Minister said a blue print for development of tourist spots be kept ready. Another one round of meeting will be held with local MLA to discuss the progress of the tourism development works. The government is ready to give more funds if needed for promotion of tourism in the region, he added.

Director of Tourism B. Ramu, Pandavapura Assistant Commissioner Shailaja, Srirangapatna Tahasildar Nagesh and others accompanied the Minister.

IAF Helicopter Training Centre to be shifted to Mysore Airport

CM Kumaraswamy meets PM Modi, Union Ministers; seeks nod for various projects in Karnataka

New Delhi, Dec. 28 (UNI)- Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy yesterday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and sought Centre's assistance to resolve several issues pertaining to the State.

Kumaraswamy also met Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and Coal and Railway Minister Piyush Goyal.

During his meeting with Civil Aviation Minister Suresh Prabhu, Kumaraswamy has given green signal to the proposal to shift the Indian Air Force (IAF) Helicopter Training Centre from Yelahanka in Bengaluru to Mysore Airport, Mandakalli. The IAF has conveyed to the CM that it will develop the Mysore Airport on the lines of Airports in Pune, Chandigarh and Srinagar.

In its proposal, the IAF has stated that it will develop the Mysore Airport with its own costs and make available facilities for both civil and military use. This will considerably reduce the pressure on the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru, the IAF said.

The State Government has already given its No Objection Certificate for the use of Mysore Airport. Since the Airport comes under the jurisdiction of Airports Authority of India (AAI), a request will be made by the IAF to AAI seeking its approval for the use of the Airport for military purposes.

On a two-day visit to the national capital, Kumaraswamy met Union Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari and discussed various Highway projects.

In the meeting with Jaitley, Kumaraswamy sought extension of the GST compensation period up to 2025, a three-year extension from 2022, which period that the State entitled to get the compensations from the Centre, citing State's revenue deficit has been increased from the previous year.

According to the Chief Minister's Office, during the meeting Gadkari has agreed to the construction of the elevated Highway between Hubballi and Dharwad and has asked the State government to complete land acquisition to begin the work.

The Chief Minister also discussed the development of alternative roads to NH 4A which connects Karnataka to Goa, NH 373 between Hassan and Belur, the 4-lane Hassan-Holenarasipura Road and the upgradation of Channarayapatna - Holenarasipura-Arakalagud-Kodlipet-Madikeri Road to National Highway.

He also discussed the progress of Mekedatu Project with Gadkari, who also holds the charge of Water Resources Ministry. "The CM brought to the notice of Gadkari that Tamil Nadu has raised objection against the project although it's beneficial to both the States and specifically to Tamil Nadu. Kumaraswamy requested Gadkari to resolve the Mekedatu issue by calling the meetings of Chief Ministers of both the States," his office said.

Transport Dept. again to push for bus fare hike

Thammanna

Bengaluru, Dec. 28 (UNI)- The State Transport Department will once again put forth the proposal to the government to hike bus fares, citing huge losses. The Transport Corporations are preparing to seek Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's approval to hike bus fares and a proposal will soon be submitted to the CM, said Transport Minister D.C. Thammanna.

Speaking to presspersons here yesterday, the Minister said the hike was essential as the total loss of the Transport Corporations this financial year alone was Rs. 687 crore. "This time, the extent of hike will be left to the Chief Minister's discretion," the Minister said.

The last hike was in 2013 when the diesel price was Rs. 53 per litre, the Minister said. The issue was discussed at the board meeting held on Wednesday and a decision to again submit a proposal has been taken, he said.

On Oct. 12, the Transport Department had issued an order allowing fare hike of 18%, however, the order turned out to be a huge embarrassment for Kumaraswamy as it was issued on the day the State government announced slash in fuel price. The Corporation was then told not to hike fares. "Last time we sought a bus fare hike, the diesel price was Rs. 74 per litre. Although the price has now reduced to Rs. 70 per litre, our losses are increasing. If the fare hike cannot be taken up, we will request the government for additional grants," the Minister said.

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EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.29)

Niranthara Foundation: Niranthara Ranga Utsava-2018, *Somana Kunita* by B.K. Naradimharaju and troupe, **5.30 pm;** 'Modale Nenedevu...' theatre songs by Niranthara under the direction of Srinivas Bhat (Cheeni), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Kalaripayattu: Martial Arts from Children, Kalaripayattu live performance and media interaction, Mayor Pushapalatha Jagannath, IGP (Home Gaurds) D. Roopa Moudgil and Kalaripayattu Federation of India Sec. General Baiju Gurukkal and Shiyad Gurukkal of Indian Olympic Committee will be present, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru: 'Kala Darpana,' a classical music and dance event by NRI artistes of BVB London Kendra, Performers are Bharatanatyam artistes Akshay Prakash, Shivangi Chandrashekar and Lakshmi Kuhendran and Kathak artistes Dhiya Arora and Deepika Kathrani. They will be accompanied by Shangary Rajendran (Karnatak vocal), Dhanraj Persaud (tabla) and Thanujen Chandrakumar (mridanga); BVB Bengaluru Chairman N. Ramanuja chief guest, BVB Mysuru Chairman Dr. A.V. Narasimha Murthy presides, BVB Mysuru Vice-Chairman and Star of Mysore Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy and BVB London Kendra Executive Director Dr. M.N. Nandakumar guests of honour, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, V.V. Mohalla: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar, Trust premises, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Discourse: Thiruppavai Discourse by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Pusthakam Sri Santhana Gopalakrishna Swamy Temple, No.141, College Road, behind Raghavendra Mutt, Chamaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North: Saxophone recital by M.S. Ramyashri and troupe, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Nadaswara by M. Sridhar & Jagadish and troupe, **6.30 pm;** Sri Sita Rama Kalyana Mahotsava, Temple premises, **7 pm onwards.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Rex Hours – Dino Yekangi Payana,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

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WORD OF THE DAY

Benison

Pronunciation: BEN-uh-sun.
Meaning: Blessing, benediction.

Origin: Benison and its synonym benediction share more than a common meaning; the two words come from the same root, the Latin benedicere, meaning "to bless." (Benedicere comes from the Latin bene dicere—" to speak well of" — a combination of the Latin bene, meaning "well," and dicere, "to say.") Of the two words, benediction is more common today, but benison has a longer history in English. Records show that benison has been used in our language since the 13th century, whereas benediction didn't appear in print until the 15th century.
Example: I offer thanks for the little things and the big things, everyday benisons and once-in-a-blue-moon moments of grace.

THE ODD WORD

Boondocks

A remote and undeveloped area.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Break the ice

Meaning: To create a more friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Origin: It is thought that this phrase was made popular by the "ice-breaker" ships, which were designed in the 1800s to sail through the icy water of the North and South Poles. The ships had a strong outer hull and powerful engine, so they could break large pieces of ice into smaller pieces in order to sail through without difficulty. Similarly, when someone breaks the ice in a formal social situation, they might use an "ice breaker" – a phrase, anecdote or joke – to make the situation more light-hearted and comfortable. Later in 1678, the phrase was again used in a poem by Samuel Butler: "At last broken silence, and the ice."
Example: James always knows how to say just the right thing to make people feel comfortable – he's great at breaking the ice.

QUOTE BOX

If my absence doesn't affect your life then my presence has no meaning in it. **— Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

Answer: Stick around.

SUDOKU

		4		9			7	
		2	4			1		
	1							6
	8	6			3			4
		5				8		
1			9			7	6	
4							1	
		8			5	9		
	6			4		3		

Answer to previous puzzle

8	9	5	6	4	3	7	2	1
6	1	7	8	2	9	4	3	5
2	4	3	7	5	1	6	8	9
4	5	8	1	9	6	3	7	2
1	3	6	5	7	2	8	9	4
7	2	9	4	3	8	5	1	6
3	8	1	9	6	5	2	4	7
9	6	4	2	8	7	1	5	3
5	7	2	3	1	4	9	6	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Expert or adept
4 Nav. readings
8 Distance Measuring Equip.
11 The juice that circulates through a plant
12 Possessed
14 "Over" for the poet
15 Japanese sash
16 Distasteful
17 One as a prefix
18 Avoid or ignore
20 Seizes suddenly
22 "Rat I" change for a girl
24 ___ and Ellora
26 Epee handle
27 Florida city
28 Interjection denoting disgust?
29 A small jazz band
30 Satellite Landing Sys.
33 Tiny amounts?
34 Fizzy water, goes well with whisky
35 A dance epic
37 Too
38 Capital of Norway
39 Moved away swiftly
41 Curvy letter by the sound of it?
42 __ violet : uv in short?
45 Incorporated, in short
48 Billiards stick
49 Religious practices
50 Greek goddess of dawn
51 Ontario, in short
52 Bible book abbr.
53 Expose to moisture or soak in water?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

F	O	D			A	S	S		L	O	L	A
A	N	I			V	I	I		A	D	A	M
R	E	S	C	U	I	N	G		K	E	G	S
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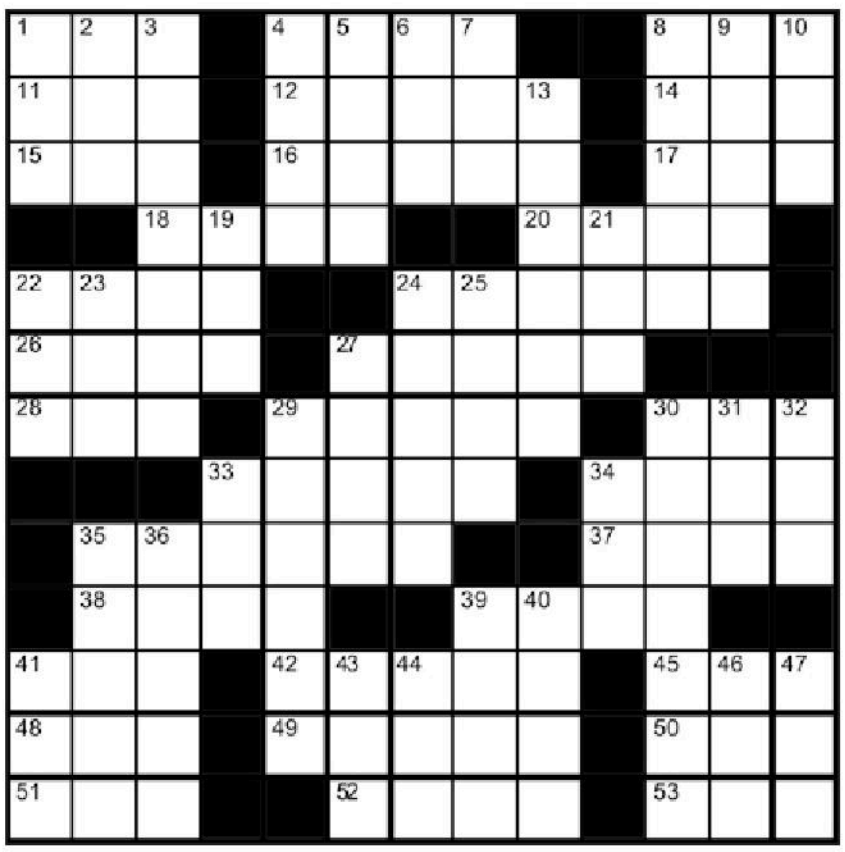
B	H	A	T		V	I	R			G	O	T
A	N	T	E		I	S	O			E	N	D

DOWN

1 Largest active volcano in Japan
2 Taxi in the US
3 Missive
4 Playback singer ___ Nigam
5 Aquatic bird
6 Abstract being?
7 ___ free : liberate, release or emancipate
8 Misgiving
9 High IQ organisation - "means" a change?
10 Gad's son?
13 Machine used for generating of electrical power
19 Covering for the head
21 A type or breed of cuckoo
22 Ridiculously High Freq,
23 Latin trio
24 Take ___ __ : shoot? (3,2)
25 Punches or pokes roughly
27 Speck - "tome" anagram?
29 Tint, hue, or shade
30 Military man
31 Mormons gp.
32 __ Paolo : famous city in S. America?
33 Sick
34 Self addressed envelope, in short
35 Short for boatswain?
36 Something advantageous
39 Wear away
40 Whip
41 Prefix - as in ___logy or ___nomy?
43 Untruth, fib
44 Text to speech, acronym
46 Notice of exception, abbr.
47 Mumbai's terminus



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WJYZ OWG PXTGI M RUGTN XT JNBGFOMRMTV MR AJROGN;

OWG OFXKHYG MR M NXT'O QTXA AWMEW WJYZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It's never too late to be who you might have been.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
KGF	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Orange	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Nathicharami	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Viraj	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Paradesi c/o London (K)	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
HINDI			
Simmba	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Laila. Com	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Maari-2	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Adanga Maru	Rajkamal	2423554	2 Shows
TELUGU			
Antariksham 9000 kmph	Rajkamal	2423554	2 Shows

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KGF (K)	(S-4) 10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2) 6.55 pm
Zero (H)	(S-2) 1.15 pm
Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1) 4.10 pm
Simmba (H)	(S-1) 10.00 am, 1.05 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-3) 4.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Ente Ummante Peru (Ma)	(S-2) 10.40 am
Nathicharami (K)	(S-2) 4.30 pm
Njan Prakashan (Ma)	(S-2) 9.55 pm
Ananthu V/S Nusrat (K)	(S-3) 10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 7.00 pm

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KGF (K)	(S-1) 9.30 am, 12.35 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2) 3.55 pm
	(S-4) 9.30 pm
Zero (H)	(S-4) 9.40 pm
Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1) 3.45 pm
Simmba (H)	(S-2) 9.35 pm, 12.40 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-3) 3.20 pm
	(S-4) 6.30 pm
Njan Prakashan(Ma)	(S-2) 7.05 pm
Ajja (K)	(S-3) 10.00 am
Paradesi c/o London (K)	(S-3) 12.35 pm
Swartharatna (K)	(S-4) 1.05 pm
Nathicharami (K)	(S-4) 3.55 pm
Ananthu V/S Nusrat (K)	(S-3) 6.30 pm
	(S-4) 10.05 pm

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KGF (Ka)	11.45 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.00 pm
Zero (H)	6.00 pm
Simmba (H)	11.45 am, 3.10 pm, 6.35, pm, 10.00 pm
Swartharatna (K)	12.30 pm
Paradesi c/o London (K)	3.00 pm
Nathicharami (K)	3.30 pm
Ananthu v/s Nusrath (K)	6.20 pm
Njan Prakashan (M)	9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC.28)

Karnataka Tourism Department: Mysuru Winter Festival-2018, Cake Festival, Jayamma Govinde Gowda Kalyana Mantapa, **up to 9 pm;** Birds Festival, Mysuru Zoo, **up to 7 pm;** Film Fest, Maharaja's College Ground, **6.30 pm to 9 pm;** Palace lighting, 'Sangeetha Sambhrama' by **Ajay Warrior** and troupe, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Bhajans by Srimata Samvit Bhajana Mandali, **4.30 pm;** Vedic Chanting, **5.30 pm;** Discourse in Kannada on 'Sri Mate Sarada Devi, **6 pm;** Arati and Special Bhajans, **7 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, cultural programme, Dasara Pada by Veda Vyasa Bhajana Mandali, **5 pm;** Devotional Songs by Rashmi Adish and troupe, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

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JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar: 28th Annual Day celebrations, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-1 S.P. Manjunath presides, DDPI S. Mamatha chief guest, retd. Principal of St. Philomena's College Prof. M. Krishnegowda delivers valedictory address, School premises, **5.30 pm.**

Karnataka Vichara Vedike, Mysuru and Hiremarali Samskrutika Siri: Book release — Hiremarali Dharmaraju's 'Prema Vasanta' and 'Kannada Sarala Vyakarana' — Mahakavi Kuvempu Jayantyotsava celebrations and Hiremarali Samskrutika Siri inauguration, scholar Dr. Malali Vasanthakumar inaugurates and releases the book, social worker K. Raghuram presides, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna and Dasti Educational Institution Founder Dr. D. Thimmaiah chief guests, Bhoomigiri Prakashana Owner N. Bettegowda will be present, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Krishna Gana Sabha: Music concert by Vidu. Anjana P. Rao, accompanied by Vidu. Veena Suresh on violin, H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Alwar Kalabhavan, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

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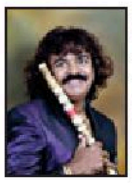

Karnataka Tourism Department: Mysuru Winter Festival-2018, Paramotoring, University Cricket Ground, **7.30 am to 4.30 pm;** Flower Show, Doll and Photography Expo, Palace premises, **10 am to 9 pm;** Birds Festival, Mysuru Zoo, **10 am to 7 pm;** Film Fest, Maharaja's College Ground, **6.30 pm to 9 pm;** Puppet Show, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6 pm to 9 pm;** Palace lighting, Fusion by **Pravin Godkhindi** and troupe, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat: Kuvempu's 115th birth anniversary celebrations, Kuvempu Geeta-Gayana programme, Minister G.T. Devegowda garlands statue, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath inaugurates, Vishwamanava Park, opposite Gun House, **9 am.**

Vishwamanava Vidyanikethana, Ramakrishnanagar: Vishwamanava Day celebrations, District-level Bhavageete Contest, retd. Joint Director of Department of Public Instruction K. Gopalagowda presides, School premises, **10 am.**

Maharani Government PU College, Narayan Shastri Road: Valedictory of Sports and Cultural Activities, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, MLA L. Nagendra, DDPU Dr. Dayananda and Corporator Pramila Bharat chief guests, valedictory address by Kukkarahalli Govt. High School Asst. Teacher H.S. Sharada, Maharani Government PU College Vice-Principal Vasanthakumari will be present, College premises, **10 am.**

Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), Manasagangothri: Kuvempu's 115th birth anniversary celebrations, Mysore University VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar inaugurates, KIKS Director Prof. N.M. Talwar presides, seminar on 'Kuvempu Literature,' B.M. Sri auditorium, KIKS premises, **10.30 am.**

Seshadripuram Independent PU College and Seshadripuram Degree College, Hebbal Outer Ring Road: 'Kala Vaibhava,' 5th Annual Day celebrations, retd. Principal and vocalist Prof. C. Mallanna chief guest, Seshadripuram Educational Trust President N.R. Panditharadhya presides, Kuvempu Rangamandira, College campus, **10.30 am.**

Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat: State-level Meet, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar inaugurates, Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty guest of honour, Parishat National General Secretary Dr. Rushi Kumar Mishra delivers the keynote address, noted columnist Prof. Prema Shekar Sammelana Chairperson, **10.30 am;** Cultural programmes, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **6.30 pm.**

Department of Kannada and Culture: Varnaavarana, a solo painting exhibition by artist S. Vinod, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10.30 am to 6 pm.**

Department of Kannada and Culture: Visual Essence, Kinnala Art Exhibition by students of Ravivarma Art Institute, Institute premises, Chamarajapuram, **11 am onwards.**

Sumukha Educational Institution: Annudal Day celebrations, MLA L. Nagendra chief guest, Sumukha Foundation Chairman . Manjunath Nadig presides, Sharada auditorium, School premises, **3 pm.**

Sri Mahaveer Vidya Mandir (SMVM): 26th Annual Day celebrations, columnist Dr. Gubbigudu Ramesh chief guest, SMVM President Dr. M.V. Shantha Kumar presides, School premises, **4 pm to 8 pm.**

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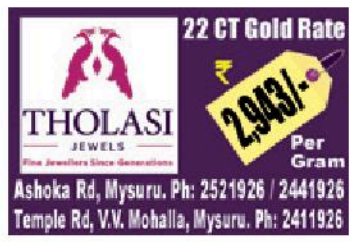

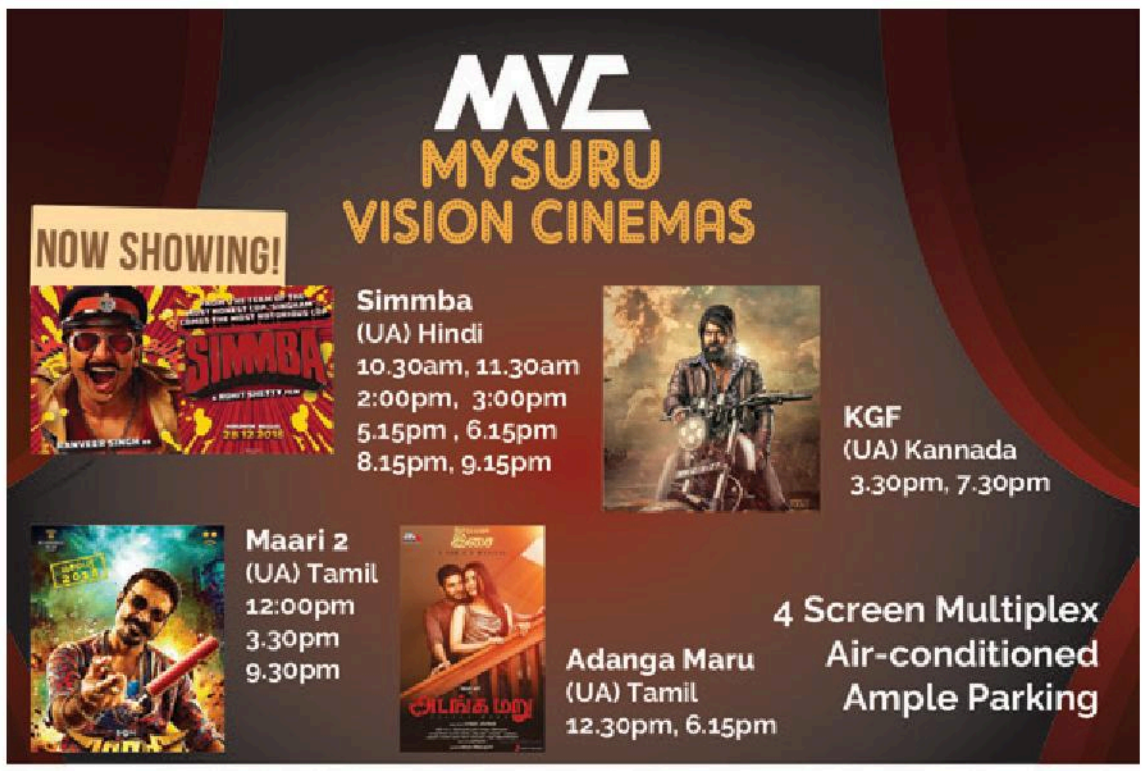

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